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Johnson Controls Earns First Governor's Safety and Health Award

Employees work more than 1.1 million hours without a lost-time injury or illness

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (Nov. 19, 2015) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today presented employees of Johnson Controls in Georgetown with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The employees went more than 1.1 million hours without a lost-time incident to earn their first award.

Kentucky Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts congratulated the employees on earning the honor.

"Let's hope this is the first of many Governor's Safety and Health Awards for Johnson Controls in Georgetown," said Secretary Roberts. "This award represents hard work from hundreds of people all working together to make safety a top priority."

With approximately 800 people in Georgetown, Johnson Controls has more than 130,000 employees worldwide and serves customers in more than 150 countries. The company produces lead-acid automotive batteries and advanced batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles, seating components and systems for automobiles, and provides services and solutions to optimize energy and operational efficiencies for buildings.

“Johnson Controls is committed to protecting the health and safety of our team, and the environment in which they work and live,” said Jim Conklin, vice president of operations. “Our mission is to prevent injuries and illnesses, provide world class environmental performance, and ensure the total health and well-being of our employees and their families.”

The employees at Johnson Controls in Georgetown have made tremendous efforts to increase safety at their facility. From 2014 to 2015, the company reduced recordable injuries by 94 percent. One key to their success involved incorporating more than 300 monthly safety audits. The audits included peer-to-peer reviews that focused on team member behaviors as well as observation audits that checked for any hazards or violations.

Johnson Controls has multiple measures in place to prevent injuries. The company works on strengthening and preparing new employees, encouraging workers to report their first signs of discomfort, and stressing that every employee is part of a safety team. All workers are encouraged to report hazards and correct them.

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. The requirement for the Johnson Controls was 1 million hours.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) last year as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible for the award, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

Please visit www.johnsoncontrols.com to learn more about Johnson Controls.

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